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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE DISASTER/OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

March 25, 2011

Members Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross (Alt)
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District 4
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Ambulance Association
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hospital Assoc. of S.D./Imperial County

Associate Members Present

Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air, CPAC
Marugg, James – S.D. Co. Paramedic Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial BHNC

Guests Present

Bermudez, Rodrigo – Pacific Ambulance
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance

County Staff Present

Buttron, Patrick
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Travis Kusman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg and seconded by Patty Skoglund to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE (Patrick Buttron)

Patrick Buttron gave a brief update of County information regarding the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) and EMS has been receiving inquiries on the availability and distribution of Potassium Iodide (KI). State and Federal departments recommend that people do not take KI. The County of San Diego works with the State to have KI available for residents near the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The California Department of Public Health along with the State EMS Authority maintains a call center from 8-5, M-F. The week of March 17, 2011 there were several hundred calls received which has decreased to 36 calls.

USA.gov and the National Institute of Health (NIH) have additional information regarding KI and medical management of radiation event victims.

Action: Mr. Buttron will send out the contact information.

Jim Marugg inquired about radiation monitoring stations and their locations. Patty Skoglund responded that there were 10 monitoring stations in the County and it was reported that they were adding additional temporary stations.

V. AMBULANCE ORDINANCE (Rebecca Pate)

Revisions for the Ambulance Ordinance have been in effect for 3 years. Ms. Pate asked the subcommittee if there were any recommended committees that the Ambulance Ordinance should be routed through for review. Suggestions were to route through the Base Station Physicians Committee, (BSPC)/Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC), County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) and County Fire Chiefs.

The Ambulance Association and County Counsel have reviewed the County Ambulance Ordinance updates and revisions.

A draft of the County Ambulance Ordinance was furnished to the subcommittee for review. Updates to reflect the 2010 State Regulations and definitions to state regulations for Health and Safety Code information have been noted. Changes and recommendations from the EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be taken under consideration.

An overview of suggested changes and discussion will be summarized and retained with the minutes for the record.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be convened at the request of the full EMCC Committee when there are specific issues or requests by the County.

Submitted by

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